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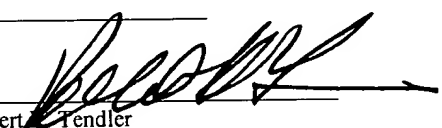
Applicant: Songlin Zhuang
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Title: LIQUID CRYSTAL BASED OPTICAL SWITCH UTILIZING
DIFFRACTION

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Honorable Commissioner
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Sir:

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, Claims 1-7 drawn to an optical
switch, with traverse. It is not seen how the inventions cast in apparatus language and
method claim language are distinct.


For this reason, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully
requested.

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Applicant includes herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for one month such that the time for response is now set to expire on April 25, 2003. Applicant includes the appropriate fee for the extension along with the Petition.

Respectfully Submitted,


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